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Docket No.: 044084-0326



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
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Eiichi YOSHIDA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7422
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Application No.: 09/161,277 : Group Art Unit: 2624
: Allowed: August 09, 2005
Filed: September 28, 1998 : Examiner: Douglas Q. Tran
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND TERMINAL DEVICE CONNECTED TO NETWORK

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART

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Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated August 09, 2005.

In reviewing the file, it is noted that we have not received acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement and cited art filed October 14, 2004. Enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and stamped return postcard acknowledgement.

Applicants hereby respectfully request that:

- (1) the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicants; and
- (2) the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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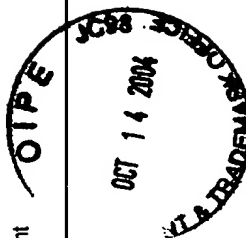
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**REQUEST TO CONSIDER REFERENCES AFTER CLOSE OF PROSECUTION AND
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The undersigned hereby requests consideration and entry of this Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying references under 37 CFR 1.97(d).

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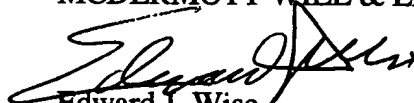
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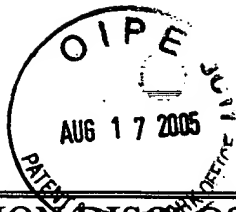
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